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Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 5 February 1955

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PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell (part of meeting), Messrs. Wisner, Wolf,
Becker, [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Took up the matter of the proposed CIA legislation. Mr. Becker noted that the Bureau of the Budget declined to accept the provision that any Commissioned Officer appointed to the position of Director should be retired as a full General. Because there are in the proposed new legislation a number of points to which exception might be taken and because that concerning Gen. Cabell's position is the only pressing item, Mr. Dulles indicated that legislation relating to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence should be drafted and pushed along, and instructed Mr. Becker and Mr. Wolf to prepare a draft which Mr. Dulles could take up with Sen. Saltonstall. He stressed that this should not be a personal bill applying by name to Gen. Cabell but should be restricted to the Deputy Directorship.

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c. Asked whether any acknowledgment of the extension of [redacted] tour of duty had been made to the Air Force. Mr. Wisner undertook to take care of this matter.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that State is showing an interest in operations in [redacted] and might raise this matter in the Jackson Committee. It was generally agreed that a question of this policy nature was for the present inappropriate for Jackson Committee consideration.

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He asked whether

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in view of the change in Administration it should now be reviewed. Mr. Dulles pointed out that since the paper has been accepted on the working level at State it is premature to ask now for its reconsideration. However it might be well to have the paper reviewed in about a month.

d. Raised the matter of PRC meetings, noting that Mr. Dulles had ceased to attend as Chairman and asked whether the PRC should continue the discussion of the area programs. Mr. Dulles expressed the view that discussion of these programs remained a matter of importance in view of the large investment which they so far represent. Mr. Becker doubted that the present PRC review of these programs was worth the time it was taking. After some discussion, Mr. Dulles suggested that a subcommittee be appointed to go over projects and programs in order to provide him the assurance that they represented legitimate expenditures and to screen out the real policy questions which required PRC review. Col. White, representing DDA, [redacted] representing DDP, and Mr. Amory (alternate [redacted] representing DDI, were named to this subcommittee. Mr. Wisner was asked to work out the details of this subcommittee's mission and to prepare an order creating it and naming the above mentioned to serve on it.

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e. Referred to project [redacted] as typical of projects requiring PRC policy decision. It was indicated in this connection that [redacted] would go over the salient points of this project before his departure.

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Mr. Becker:

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c. Noted that the NSC Senior Staff this afternoon will hear a briefing by Adm. Radford.

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a. Raised the problem of his delegated authority to approve money for developmental purposes in the operations and intelligence fields, reporting

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that he had discussed this matter with [redacted]. It was generally agreed that he should have a limited authority to approve sums of money for bargains of opportunity particularly in the intelligence field.

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satisfactory arrangements have been worked out in the past on an ad hoc basis. Gen. Cabell pointed out that the only really good way of doing this is through mutual trust and good will.

c. Expressed his intention to establish a project review procedure in the Field by which a good deal of the work now done at Headquarters could be more effectively carried out.

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d. Urged that [redacted] be made available to him, but was told that Headquarters wished to hold [redacted] in Washington for the time being. [redacted] s personnel situation was described as generally good with particular needs remaining unfilled in the [redacted]

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